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S.J.R. No. 47

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing this state to
2 license persons to conduct gaming on cruise vessels departing from
3 or returning to a dock in this state.

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Article III, Texas Constitution, is amended by
6 adding Section 47-a to read as follows:

7 Sec. 47-a. (a) In addition to any lottery or gift
8 enterprise authorized by Section 47 of this article, the
9 legislature by general law may authorize this state to license a
10 person to conduct gaming, including electronic gaming, on a ship or
11 other watercraft that is departing from or returning to a dock in
12 this state on a cruise.

13 (b) In this section, "electronic gaming" means a game based
14 primarily on chance that is played for consideration by an
15 individual on an electronic machine or video display and in which
16 the player may win a thing of value each time the game is played.

17 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
18 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 6, 2007.
19 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the
20 proposition: "The constitutional amendment authorizing this state
21 to license persons to conduct gaming, including electronic gaming,
22 on cruise vessels departing from or returning to a dock in this
23 state."